

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 12 June 53 13/0300Z	2. LOCATION Covington, Georgia	
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION INSUFFICIENT DATA FOR EVALUATION Second hand report. Venus, Mars, Jupiter below horizon at time of observation. Sighting duration indicates astro observation. Balloon observation eliminated. Duration tends to rule out a/c, however circling could account for the 30 minute observation. No enough specific data for evaluation. Case regarded as insufficient data. 11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Ball of fire was observed by numerous residents of Porterdale, Ga. 4 miles SE of Covington at an altitude of 1 mile. Object was circling in a 2 mile radius, observers stated.	
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One		
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 30 Minutes		
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual		
7. COURSE Not Reported		
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No		

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/R [REDACTED] COC 570 / FLY OBRPT MR W.W. COOK GOC SUPER AT

COVINGTON GA (83 DEG 50 W -33DEG 35' N) REPORTED A BALL OF FIRE WAS

OBSERVED BY NUMEROUS RESIDENTS OF PORTERDALE GA CIRCLING 4 MILES SE OF

COVINGTON IN A 2 MILE RADIUS AT AN ALTITUDE OF 1 MILE. PORTERDALE IS

3 MILES SW OF COVINGTON. NO NOISE WAS HEARD OR EXHAUST TRAIL OBSERVED.

NO SPEED STATED. SIGHTING WAS AT APPROX. 2200EST ON 12 JUNE 1953.

MR COOK'S PHONE NO IS COVINGTON 2012.

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COC 570

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FROM: AFOIN-ATIAE-6-10-E

In connection with FLYOBRPT COC 570 on reported fireball received by ATIC, request you forward AF Form 112 as per AF Letter 200-5. ATIC has information which indicates a local meteor shower at that time and date of sighting. The fact that the object was circling and had no exhaust trail would eliminate this possibility, however. Request you reaffirm these characteristics. Also check local weather balloon flights at 0300Z.

In reply cite Project Blue Book.

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DRAFTER'S NAME (and signature, when required)

LT R.M. OLSSON/vs

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ATIAE-5

TELEPHONE

65365

OFFICIAL TITLE

BARBARA P. HANAWALT, 1st Lt, USAF
ASST AIR ADJUTANT GENERAL

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THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

HOWARD L. BEVIS, President

COLUMBUS 10

EMERSON McMILLIN OBSERVATORY

25 June 1953

1st Lt. Robert Olsson
ATIC — Wright-Patterson AFB

Dear Lt. Olsson;

Of the last batch of 4 items sent on June 15, the only one about which there is any question is the 12 June Covington, Georgia. It is essential to know here the duration of sighting. A lot depends on this. Can you get this for us?

Regarding the Detroit 11 June case is there anything in this that a good landing light would not explain? Likewise Goodse AFB 11 June it would appear that ~~since~~ second radar did not pick up the signal, the most probable explanation is faulty radar. I assume that the GCI had radar available.

And we still have Venus with us. The 9 June Oregon case is clearly and unequivocally Venus.

Jennie has called to my attention the fact that I asked some follow-up questions which by now you may have obtained the answers.

Anything new on:

5 March	Shaw AFB
3 March	Luke AFB — Film?
17 Feb.	Port Austin
25 March	San Antonio
12 April	Stead AFB

I am anxiously awaiting Jennie's clearance so we can get organized in a more business-like manner. I know you can't do anything about this but ^{just} mentioning it anyway. I hope it comes through before your successor is appointed. *Jim*

Cordially,
Allen Hynek

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Reference your basic FLYOBRPT COC 570 and ATIC's TWX AFOIN-ATIAE-6-10-E, Project Blue

Book also requests duration of sighting.

In reply cite Project Blue Book.

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TO COMDR ATIC WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO

INT 2399 PD REFERENCE AFOIN ATIAE 7-1-E FLYOVERPT COC 572 AND ATICS TWX

AFOIN ATIAE -6-10-E PROJECT BLUE BOOK DURATION OF SIGHT ING WAS APROX

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COUNTRY	US	REPORT	UNCLASSIFIED (LEAVE BLANK)	4551863
SUBJECT FLYOBPT				
AREA REPORTED ON		FROM (Agency) 35TH AIR DIV. (DAF) DOBBINS AFB MARIETTA, GEORGIA		
DATE OF REPORT	DATE OF INFORMATION	EVALUATION		
19 June 1953	12 June 1953	F - 6		
PREPARED BY (Officer) Capt. Henry G. Sanders		SOURCE Mr. W. W. Cook, Porterdale, Ga.		
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) ATIAE 6-10 E FLYOBPT COC 570				

SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112--Part II.)

1. Attached is questionnaire completed as per ATIC briefing at this Division. Questionnaire was completed by telephone. Source of original report, Mr. Cook did not actually see the object but questioned all who did and in opinion of this officer had preformed a good job of collecting the information available. Mr. Cook is the Ground Observer Post Supervisor for that area working under the Atlanta Filter Center.

2. Object described as a ball of fire was in the opinion of this officer either:

a. An air craft approaching the Atlanta airport and circling to land. The airport is approximately 30 miles West of Porterdale but an aircraft coming in on Green 6 or VFR from the NE could have been much closer. On a dark night with no moon and no clouds such as this night was described an aircraft light could have been seen from a great distance without seeing the aircraft or hearing it. Also such an approach would have taken 10 to 20 minutes. The correlation between the direction of the light and the airport is the strongest supporting fact and previous reports of a similar nature have been received making this type of erroneous observation not exactly common but at least one which has been repeated.

b. A weather ballon released either from Atlanta Municipal airport or other locations. Balloons released at Atlanta and Dobbins at 0300Z. Wind was prevailing from the North but according to Mr. Cook was slight at Porterdale. Allowing for variances in wind and possible erroneous time reporting this could have been a balloon. Strongest factor is the "slow drift" described. According to Atlanta Weather Station balloon released at 0300Z could have been over Porterdale as at 0305Z a westerly wind was encountered. Balloon was lost at 0314Z at 14,000 feet. According to source at Atlanta weather, a balloon could only be seen with the naked eye up to approximately 5000 feet, and if balloon had continued to rise at the same rate it would have been out of sight when reported.

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ATIC 13/269

U. S. AIR FORCE TECHNICAL INFORMATION SHEET

This questionnaire has been prepared so that you can give the U. S. Air Force as much information as possible concerning the unidentified aerial phenomenon that you have observed. Please try to answer as many questions as you possibly can. The information that you give will be used for research purposes, and will be regarded as confidential material. Your name will not be used in connection with any statements, conclusions, or publications without your permission. We request this personal information so that, if it is deemed necessary, we may contact you for further details.

1. When did you see the object?

12 June 1953
Day Month Year

2. Time of day: Aprox. 10:10 to 10:40
Hour Minutes(Circle One): A.M. or P.M.

3. Time zone:

(Circle One): a. Eastern
b. Central
c. Mountain
d. Pacific
e. Other _____

(Circle One): a. Daylight Saving
b. Standard

4. Where were you when you saw the object?

Porterdale Georgia
Nearest Postal Address City or Town State or Country
Additional remarks: Porterdale is 3 miles SW of Covington, Ga. Almost directly East of Atlanta Municipal Airport (30 miles)

5. Estimate how long you saw the object.

30 - 35
Hours Minutes Seconds

5.1 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 5.

a. Certain
b. Fairly certain
c. Not very sure
d. Just a guess

6. What was the condition of the sky?

(Circle One): a. Bright daylight
b. Dull daylight
c. Bright twilight
d. Just a trace of daylight
e. No trace of daylight
f. Don't remember

7. IF you saw the object during DAYLIGHT, TWILIGHT, or DAWN, where was the SUN located as you looked at the object?

NA

(Circle One): a. In front of you
b. In back of you
c. To your right
d. To your left
e. Overhead
f. Don't remember

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8. IF you saw the object at NIGHT, TWILIGHT, or DAWN, what did you notice concerning the STARS and MOON?

8.1 STARS (Circle One):

- a. None
b. A few
c. Many
d. Don't remember

8.2 MOON (Circle One):

- a. Bright moonlight
b. Dull moonlight
c. No moonlight — pitch dark
d. Don't remember

9. Was the object brighter than the background of the sky?

(Circle One):

a. Yes

b. No

c. Don't remember

10. IF it was BRIGHTER THAN the sky background, was the brightness like that of an automobile headlight?:

(Circle One) a. A mile or more away (a distant car)?

b. Several blocks away?

c. A block away?

d. Several yards away?

e. Other Bluish white - not enough to hurt eyes
but rather bright.

11. Did the object:

(Circle One for each question)

- | | | | |
|---|-----|-----------|------------|
| a. Appear to stand still at any time? | Yes | <u>No</u> | Don't Know |
| b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time? | Yes | <u>No</u> | Don't Know |
| c. Break up into parts or explode? | Yes | <u>No</u> | Don't Know |
| d. Give off smoke? | Yes | <u>No</u> | Don't Know |
| e. Change brightness? | Yes | <u>No</u> | Don't Know |
| f. Change shape? | Yes | <u>No</u> | Don't Know |
| g. Flicker, throb, or pulsate? | Yes | <u>No</u> | Don't Know |

12. Did the object move behind something at anytime, particularly a cloud?

(Circle One):

Yes

No

Don't Know.

IF you answered YES, then tell what

it moved behind: _____

13. Did the object move in front of something at anytime, particularly a cloud?

(Circle One):

Yes

No

Don't Know.

IF you answered YES, then tell what

it moved in front of: _____

14. Did the object appear: (Circle One):

a. Solid?

b. Transparent?

c. Don't Know

15. Did you observe the object through any of the following?

- | | | | | | |
|-----------------|-----|-----------|----------------|-----|-----------|
| a. Eyeglasses | Yes | <u>No</u> | e. Binoculars | Yes | <u>No</u> |
| b. Sun glasses | Yes | <u>No</u> | f. Telescope | Yes | <u>No</u> |
| c. Windshield | Yes | <u>No</u> | g. Theodolite | Yes | <u>No</u> |
| d. Window glass | Yes | <u>No</u> | h. Other _____ | | |

16. Tell in a few words the following things about the object.

a. Sound None

b. Color Bluish white

17. Draw a picture that will show the shape of the object or objects. Label and include in your sketch any details of the object that you saw such as wings, protrusions, etc., and especially exhaust trails or vapor trails. Place an arrow beside the drawing to show the direction the object was moving.

18. The edges of the object were:

- (Circle One):
- a. Fuzzy or blurred
 - b. Like a bright star
 - c. Sharply outlined
 - d. Don't remember

e. Other _____

19. IF there was MORE THAN ONE object, then how many were there? _____
Draw a picture of how they were arranged, and put an arrow to show the direction that they were traveling.

20. Draw a picture that will show the motion that the object or objects made. Place an "A" at the beginning of the path, a "B" at the end of the path, and show any changes in direction during the course.

21. IF POSSIBLE, try to guess or estimate what the real size of the object was in its longest dimension.
_____ feet.

22. How large did the object or objects appear as compared with one of the following objects *held in the hand* and at about arm's length?

(Circle One):

- a. Head of a pin
- b. Pea
- c. Dime
- d. Nickel
- e. Quarter
- f. Half dollar

- g. Silver dollar
- h. Baseball
- i. Grapefruit
- j. Basketball
- k. Other _____

22.1 (Circle One of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 22.

- a. Certain
- b. Fairly certain
- c. Not very sure
- d. Uncertain

23. How did the object or objects disappear from view? Drifted off

24. In order that you can give as clear a picture as possible of what you saw, we would like for you to imagine that you could construct the object that you saw. Of what type material would you make it? How large would it be, and what shape would it have? Describe in your own words a common object or objects which when placed up in the sky would give the same appearance as the object which you saw.

NA

25. Where were you located when you saw the object?
(Circle One):

- a. Inside a building
- b. In a car
- c. Outdoors
- d. In an airplane
- e. At sea
- f. Other _____

26. Were you (Circle One)

- a. In the business section of a city?
- ☒ b. In the residential section of a city?
- c. In open countryside?
- d. Flying near an airfield?
- e. Flying over a city?
- f. Flying over open country?
- g. Other _____

27. What were you doing at the time you saw the object, and how did you happen to notice it?

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Holmes in front yard. Also seen by other residents in same
area including policeman on duty.

28. IF you were MOVING IN AN AUTOMOBILE or other vehicle at the time, then complete the following questions:

28.1 What direction were you moving? (Circle One)

- | | | | |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| a. North | c. East | e. South | g. West |
| b. Northeast | d. Southeast | f. Southwest | h. Northwest |

28.2 How fast were you moving? _____ miles per hour.

28.3 Did you stop at any time while you were looking at the object?

(Circle One) Yes No

29. What direction were you looking when you first saw the object? (Circle One)

- | | | | |
|---|--------------|--------------|--|
| ☒ a. North (uncertain) | c. East | e. South | ☒ g. West |
| b. Northeast | d. Southeast | f. Southwest | h. Northwest |

30. What direction were you looking when you last saw the object? (Circle One)

- | | | | |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--|
| a. North | c. East | e. South | ☒ g. West |
| b. Northeast | d. Southeast | f. Southwest | h. Northwest |

31. If you are familiar with bearing terms (angular direction), try to estimate the number of degrees the object was from true North and also the number of degrees it was upward from the horizon (elevation).

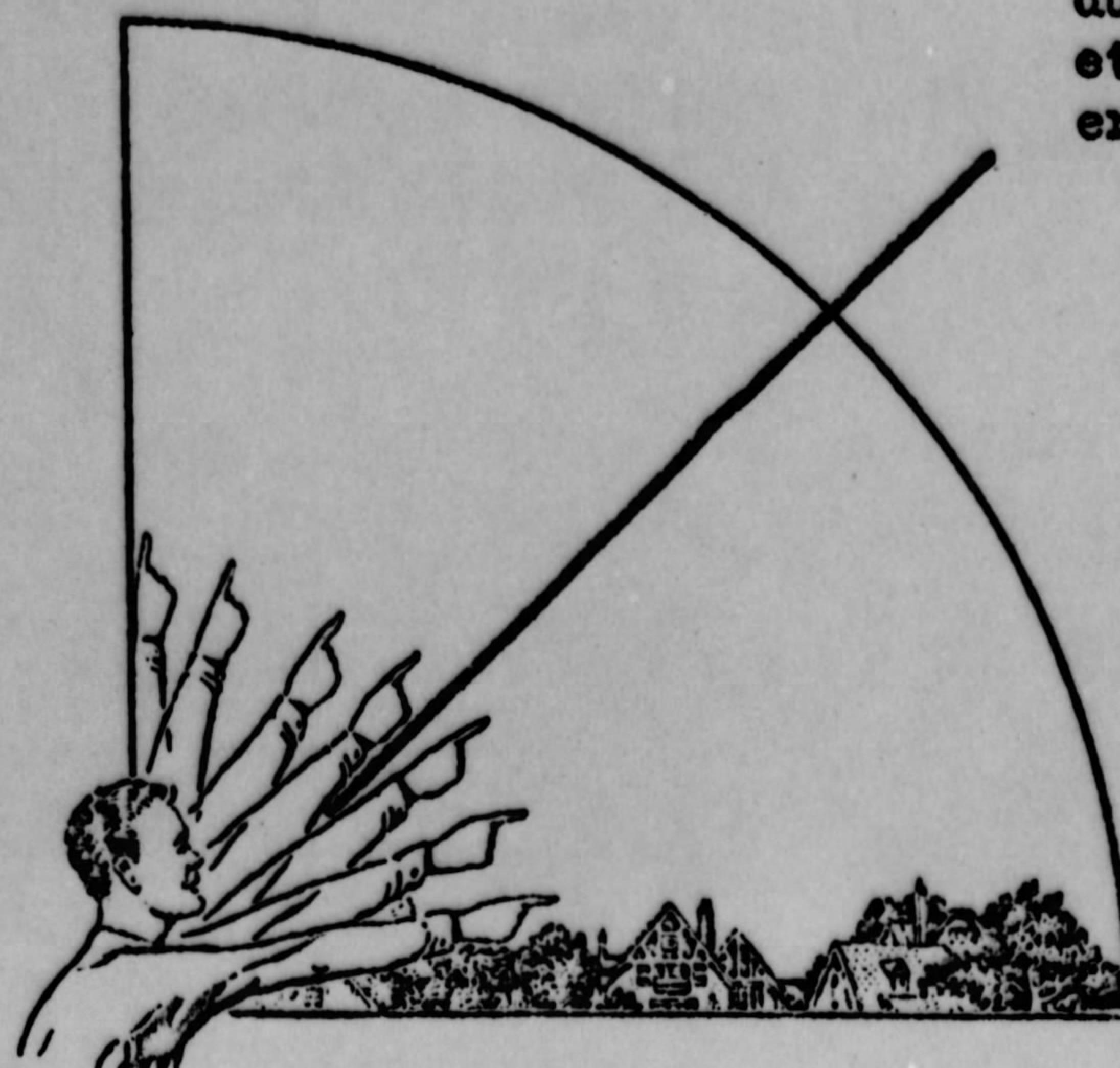
31.1 When it first appeared:

- a. From true North _____ degrees.
- b. From horizon _____ degrees.

31.2 When it disappeared:

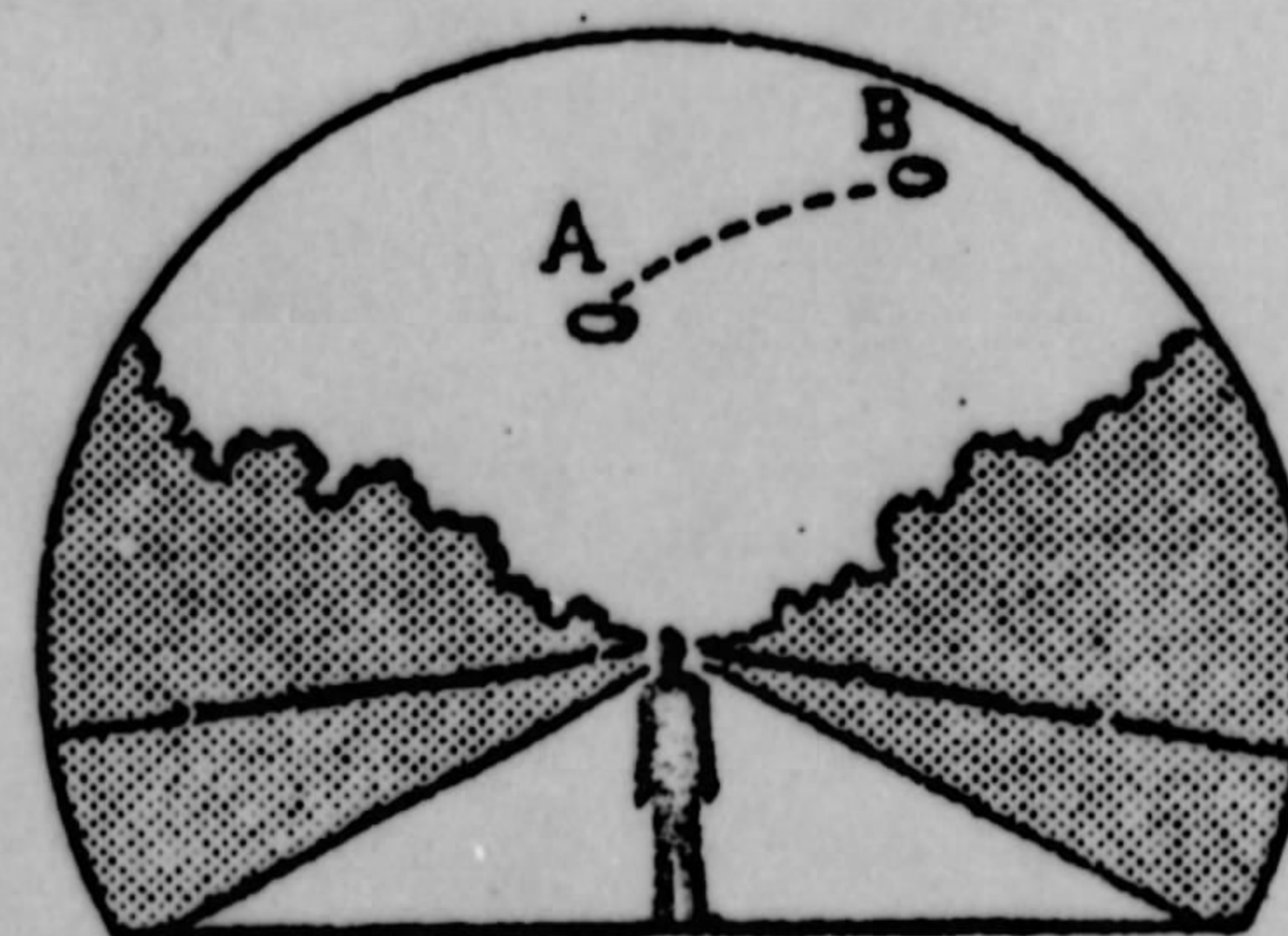
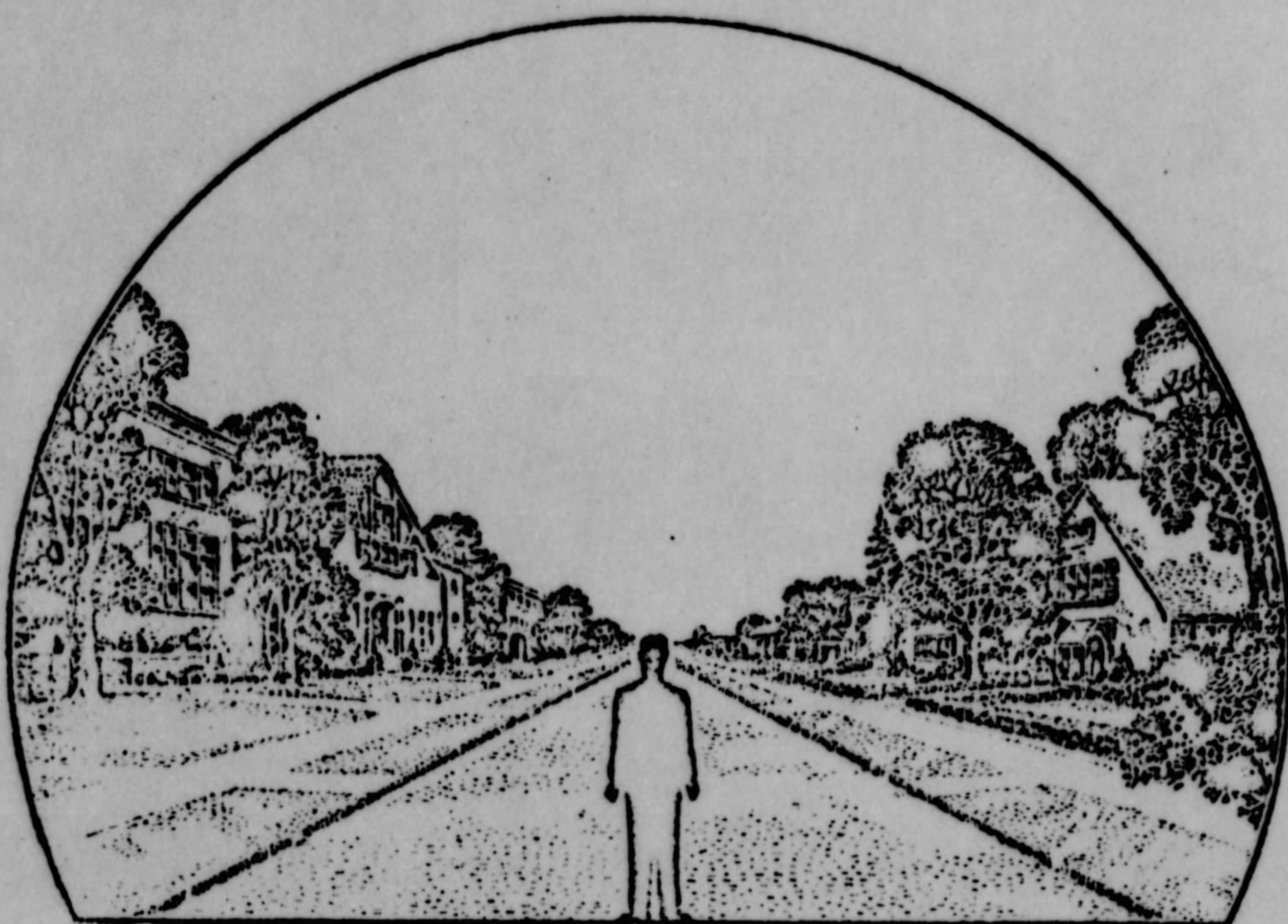
- a. From true North _____ degrees.
- b. From horizon _____ degrees.

32. In the following sketch, imagine that you are at the point shown. Place an "A" on the curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you *first* saw it. Place a "B" on the same curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you *last* saw it.



Was at one time at 45° but due to objects (trees, houses etc.) the angle of disappearance was unknown

33. In the following larger sketch place an "A" at the position the object was when you *first* saw it, and a "B" at its position when you *last* saw it. Refer to smaller sketch as an example of how to complete the larger sketch.



34. What were the weather conditions at the time you saw the object?

34.1 CLOUDS (Circle One)

- ☒ a. Clear sky
- b. Hazy
- c. Scattered clouds
- d. Thick or heavy clouds
- e. Don't remember

34.2 WIND (Circle One)

- a. No wind
- ☒ b. Slight breeze
- c. Strong wind
- d. Don't remember

34.3 WEATHER (Circle One)

- ☒ a. Dry
- b. Fog, mist, or light rain
- c. Moderate or heavy rain
- d. Snow
- e. Don't remember

34.4 TEMPERATURE (Circle One)

- a. Cold
- b. Cool
- ☒ c. Warm
- d. Hot
- e. Don't remember

35. When did you report to some official that you had seen the object?

Day

Month

Year

36. Was anyone else with you at the time you saw the object?

(Circle One) ☒ Yes No

36.1 IF you answered YES, did they see the object too?

(Circle One) ☒ Yes No

36.2 Please list their names and addresses:

37. Was this the first time that you had seen an object or objects like this?

(Circle One) ☒ Yes No

37.1 IF you answered NO, then when, where, and under what circumstances did you see other ones?

38. In your opinion what do you think the object was and what might have caused it?

39. Do you think you can estimate the speed of the object?

(Circle One)

Yes

No

IF you answered YES, then what speed would you estimate?

_____ m.p.h.

40. Do you think you can estimate how far away from you the object was?

(Circle One)

Yes

No

IF you answered YES, then how far away would you say it was?

_____ feet.

41. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME Cook W W
Last Name First Name Middle Name

ADDRESS _____ Porterdale _____ Ga.
Street City Zone State

TELEPHONE NUMBER 2012

What is your present job? _____

Age _____ Sex _____

Please indicate any special educational training that you have had.

- | | |
|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| a. Grade school _____ | e. e. Technical school _____ |
| b. High school _____ | (Type) _____ |
| c. College _____ | f. Other special training _____ |
| d. Post graduate _____ | _____ |

42. Date you completed this questionnaire:

_____ Day

_____ Month

_____ Year

This questionnaire was completed by 35th Air Division (DEF) Director of Intelligence as verbally answered over telephone by Mr. Cook, 18 June 1953.

U. S. AIR FORCE TECHNICAL INFORMATION SHEET
(SUMMARY DATA)

In order that your information may be filed and coded as accurately as possible, please use the following space to write out a short description of the event that you observed. You may repeat information that you have already given in the questionnaire, and add any further comments, statements, or sketches that you believe are important. Try to present the details of the observation in the order in which they occurred. Additional pages of the same size paper may be attached if they are needed.

NAME Mr. Cook Phone 2012 Covington, Ga.
(Please Print)

(Do Not Write in This Space)

CODE:

SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____

Mr. Cook did not actually see the object but being the GOC supervisor he was called and he interrogated the several people who did see it.

The object was a light described as a ball of fire by observers which drifted into view from the North, drifted slowly in a circle, estimated as 1 to 1½ mile in diameter, several times and disappeared to the West. Observers estimated they saw it for 30 to 35 minutes. Mr. Cook did not arrive on the scene until after 10:40 PM. Estimated altitude - 500 to 1000 feet. No noise, no tail. Speed estimated as slow drift. Altitude on first report 12 June (COC 570) was estimated at one mile. Also first report indicated object was SE of Covington; now states West which would be toward Atlanta airport.